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2022 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Interview Information Sheet

Judges will ask you questions about yourself - your abilities, school activities, goals, and accomplishments. They will also be interested in knowing what information you have learned about LEC by visiting our website (www.lincolnelectric.coop) and about cooperatives in general. Applicants will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Written application
- References
- Poise (includes ability to express thoughts and ideas)
- Knowledge of Lincoln Electric and cooperatives
- Personality and interviewer's impression
- Professional appearance

Study Sheet

Questions	Answers
Who is LEC's General Manager?	<i>Telly Stanger</i>
What is the governing body of the cooperative?	<i>9 member Board of Trustees</i>
What program and app allows LEC members to view their usage, pay their bill, and more easily and conveniently on their computers and devices?	<i>SmartHub</i>
How does LEC's residential energy rate compare to the national average?	<i>About 1/2 the national average</i>
How many meters does the cooperative serve?	<i>More than 6,200</i>
When was LEC organized?	<i>January 1948</i>
How many miles of line does LEC own and maintain?	<i>984 miles</i>
When is the annual membership meeting?	<i>March or April of each year</i>
Who supplies LEC's wholesale power?	<i>The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)</i>
What energy sources does BPA use to supply power to LEC?	<i>85% hydro from dams on the Columbia River System, 10% nuclear, and 5% renewables</i>
What program does LEC offer that allows members to pay in advance of their electric usage?	<i>Flex Advantage program</i>

-Bonus Questions-

- What are the differences between an electric cooperative and an investor owned utility (IOU)?
- What is the single largest issue you think LEC is facing today?
- What are 'margins' and why are they important to LEC and our members?
- What is net metering and what does it allow LEC members to do?

**It would be to your advantage to be able to give further information on any of these questions. Information can be obtained at www.lincolnelectric.coop, past issues of Rural Montana magazine, or by talking to an LEC employee or trustee.*